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LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget

Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board

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Quick look...

- The Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board (DVM) is funded entirely by fees and assessments paid by professionals working in the veterinary field. The Board oversees approximately 10,423 active licenses.
- The Board consists of seven members appointed by the Governor. Day-to-day operations are handled by an executive director, a license coordinator, and one part-time clerk.
- The budget provides total funding of \$734,000 in FY 2024 and \$718,000 in FY 2025.
 - Additional appropriations of \$520,000 over the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennium are to issue awards under the Veterinary Student Debt Assistance Program.

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
Fund 4K90 ALI 888609, Operating Expenses					
\$407,208	\$358,657	\$423,991	\$407,356	\$444,000	\$448,000
% change	-11.9%	18.2%	-3.9%	9.0%	0.9%
Fund 5BU0 ALI 888602, Veterinary Student Loan Program					
\$20,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000
% change	-0.0%	-50.0%	-100.0%	N/A	0.0%
Fund 5YG0 ALI 888603, Veterinary Student Debt Assistance Program					
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$270,000	\$250,000
% change	--	--	--	N/A	-7.4%
Total funding:					
\$427,208	\$378,657	\$433,991	\$407,356	\$734,000	\$718,000
% change	11.4%	14.6%	-6.1%	80.2%	-2.2%

Overview

The Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board (DVM) ensures the professional and competent conduct of veterinarians and veterinary technicians throughout the state. The Board consists of seven members, five of whom must be licensed veterinarians and one whom must be a licensed veterinary technician. The remaining member represents the public. DVM confirms that applicants for licensure in the veterinary field have passed the proper examinations, issues licenses, approves continuing education courses, and carries out disciplinary hearings when necessary. It contracts with the Department of Agriculture to handle inspections and investigations. All revenue

comes from licensing fees and other assessments deposited into the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90). DVM receives no GRF funding. As of August 2023, two full-time staff persons and one part-time clerk assist the seven-member Board.

Operating Expenses (ALI 888609)

The FY 2024 appropriation under this ALI is \$444,000, an increase of 9.0% when compared to actual spending of \$407,356 in FY 2023. The funding level for FY 2025 is \$448,000, less than 1.0% higher than the FY 2024 amount. This funding is used to support general operating expenses, including payroll for the three employees and board member compensation, supplies, and equipment. A portion of operating costs is related to services provided by the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). The Board pays DAS for HR and fiscal services provided by the Central Services Agency, as well as rent for office space in the Riffe Center. In prior years, DVM was also charged for its share of costs for operating the eLicensing system. Starting in FY 2024, these costs will be paid directly through DAS.

Operating revenues and expenses

The table below shows the various licenses issued by the Board and the associated fees. All are renewed biennially. The amount collected from the various licenses issued by DVM is deposited into Fund 4K90, a pooled operating fund used by many of Ohio's occupational licensing and regulatory boards and commissions.

License Fees by Type	
License Type	Fee
Veterinarian	\$425/\$155
Veterinary Business Facility	\$300
Veterinary Specialist	\$50
Veterinary Technician	\$35
Limited License	\$35/\$155
Provisional Graduate License	\$100
Temporary Permit	\$100

Veterinary Student Loan Program (ALI 888602)

Veterinary Student Loan Repayment Fund (Fund 5BU0) ALI 888602, Veterinary Student Loan Program, is used to reimburse veterinary students interested in large animal medicine, regulatory services, or veterinary public health in areas of the state where these professional services are lacking. The program is funded by the proceeds from a \$10 portion of every veterinarian license renewal. The amount transferred to Fund 5BU0 over the FY 2022-FY 2023 biennium was \$47,230. The awards may be used to cover tuition, other educational expenses, and room and board of up to \$10,000 per year with a \$20,000 maximum. Recipients must agree to practice in Ohio for a certain period of time. If the grant is less than \$10,000, recipients must stay in Ohio for at least one year; if the grant is greater than \$10,000, recipients must stay in Ohio

for at least two years. No awards were granted in FY 2023. The amount appropriated for this purpose is \$20,000 in each fiscal year of the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennium.

Veterinary Student Debt Assistance Program (ALI 888603)

Appropriations under this ALI are \$270,000 in FY 2024 and \$250,000 in FY 2025. This funding will be used to repay educational loans taken out by a veterinarian participating in the Veterinary Student Debt Assistance Program. Under the program, a recipient must agree to provide 12 hours of charitable services annually and reside in Ohio for a period of time. Eligible individuals may receive loan forgiveness of between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The fund consists of money transferred into the fund from Fund 4K90 through a statutory formula. Thus far, approximately \$275,000 has been collected. The first awards will be made during the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennium.